

*Stated Meeting, December 3, 1858.*

Present, thirteen members.

Dr. Franklin Bache in the Chair, the Vice-Presidents being absent.

Letters were read:—

From the Bath and West of England Society, dated December 1857, acknowledging the receipt of Proceedings of this Society, Nos. 55 and 56, and of Part 1, Vol. XI. of the Transactions,—and also announcing a donation for the library:—

From the Royal Saxon Society of Sciences, dated Leipzig, Jan. 6, 1858, returning thanks for No. 56 of the Proceedings, and Part 1, Vol. XI. of the Transactions:—

From the Royal Society of Sciences at Upsal, dated Jan. 8, 1858, returning acknowledgements for Part 1, Vol. XI. of the Transactions, and No. 56 of the Proceedings of this Society:—

From the Librarian of the Royal Library at Berlin, dated Jan. 18, 1858, acknowledging the receipt of Part 1, Vol. XI. of the Transactions:—

From the Royal Society of Sciences at Göttingen, dated May 26, 1858, announcing the receipt of Part 1, Vol. XI. of the Transactions, and Nos. 55 and 56 of the Proceedings of this Society:—

From the Central Physical Observatory at St. Petersburg, dated June 1, 1858, returning thanks for Part 1, Vol. XI. of the Transactions, and No. 56 of the Proceedings:—

From the Royal Academy of Sciences at Turin, dated May 15, 1858, returning thanks for Part 1, Vol. XI. of the Transactions:—and

Prof. Zantedeschi, of Padua, dated Oct. 7, 1858, announcing the transmission, through the U. S. Consul at Bremen and the Department of State at Washington, of a number of treatises by him on subjects of physical science.

The following donations were announced:—

FOR THE LIBRARY.

Proceedings Boston S. N. H. VI. 25. Oct. 1858.

Radcliff Obs. XVII. Oxford, 1858.—*From the Trustees of Obs.*

- Ordnance Trigonometrical Survey of Great Britain and Ireland, account of the observations and calculations of the Principal Triangulation, &c. London, 1858. (782 pages with a volume of plates.) 4to.—*From Sec. of State for War.*
- Transactions Soc. Antiq. 3. II. (Pages 315 to 498 with index, last paper read Feb. 18, 1858.) London, 1858. 4to.
- Proceedings of the same. IV. 47. (Pages 50 to 115, to meeting June 18, 1857.) London, 1858. 8vo.
- List of the same, April 23, 1858.—*From the Society.*
- British Association, Report of 27th Meeting. Dublin, Sept. 1857. London, 1858. 8vo.—*From the Association.*
- Proceedings Roy. Geograph. Soc. II. 3, 4, 5, (to July, 1858) and address of Sir R. J. Murchison, May 24. London, 1858. 8vo.
- Journal Soc. Arts, May 7, to Sept. 24. London, 1858. 8vo.
- Proceedings Roy. Soc. IX. 30, 31, to June 10, 1858. 8vo.
- Philosoph. Trans. of the same. CXLVII. III. London, 1858. 4to.
- Greenwich Obs. in 1856. London, 1858. 8vo.—*From the Roy. Soc.*
- Archives du Museum. X. 1, 2. Paris, 1858. 4to.
- Compte rendu de l'Acad. St. Petersburg for 1856. St. Pet. 1857. 8vo.
- Nachrichten von der Georgs Augusts Universität und König. Gesell. zu Göttingen, vom J. 1857, 1 to 23 nebst Register, 1858 12mo.
- Abhandlungen der K. Gesell. zu Göttingen VII. Göttingen, 1857. 4to.
- Memorie della R. Acad. di Torino. 2. S. XVII. Turin, 1858. 4to.
- Annals of New York Lycæum N. H. VI. 8, 9. New York, 1858. 8vo.
- Med. News. XVI. 192. Phila. 1858. 8vo.—*From Blanchard & Lea.*

Mr. Fraley announced the decease of Lieut. Col. William Reid, late Governor of Bermuda, a member of the Society.

The Annual Reports of the Treasurer and the Committee of Publication were presented and read;—the Treasurer's Report being, as usual, referred to the Committee of Finance.

Judge King, from the Committee on the legacy bequeathed to this Society by the late François André Michaux, made a statement, on the part of the Committee, relative to a correspondence which has been recently had with certain parties in France, on the subject of a transfer of Stock in the French funds to the Society by Madame Michaux, to the amount of the legacy,—the interest to be received by her during her life, according to the will of Mons. Michaux:—and, in relation to this subject, offered the following resolution:—

*Resolved*, That the Officers and Council of the Society are hereby authorized to demand and receive, on behalf of the same, from the executors of the last will and testament of François André Michaux, deceased, or whoever may have the legal charge and custody thereof, the sum of money bequeathed by the said François André Michaux to the Society in trust for the purposes expressed in the said legacy; and, if necessary, to appoint an attorney or attorneys under them for the purpose of demanding, receiving and seeing to the proper investment or transfer of the same;—which resolution was read, considered and adopted.

A report was made by the librarian, on leave given, in relation to the preparation of a catalogue of the library, and stating the plan and progress made in the same;—which was read and ordered to be inserted on the minutes.

A committee of six members was appointed to suggest the names of Officers of the Society for the ensuing year,—to make report at the next stated meeting.

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*Stated Meeting, December 17, 1858.*

Present, thirty-nine members.

Mr. LEA, Vice-President in the Chair.

Dr. Edward Hartshorne, a recently elected member, was introduced and took his seat.

A letter was read from M. Jomard, dated Paris, Nov., 1857, returning thanks for Part 1, Vol. XI. of the Transactions of the Society.

The following donations were announced:—

FOR THE LIBRARY.

Annual Report of the Commissioner of Statistics to the General Assembly of Ohio for 1857. Columbus, 1858. (112 pages.) 8vo.

—*From E. D. Mansfield, Com.*

Quarterly Summary Trans. Coll. Phys. III. 5. Phila. 1858. 8vo.

Journal of the Franklin Inst. No. 6. Phila. Dec. 1858. 8vo.